



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held July 8, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

“Last month, the Public Library Department implemented a new web-based Integrated Library Automation System (ILS). The ILS is the Department’s core computer system which supports several mission-critical business functions, including the circulation and acquisition of library materials, library catalog, fines/fees accounting, customer account management, and access to online reference databases.

“The transition onto this new system offers a timely opportunity to recall our outstanding books and materials. By offering amnesty for the fines associated with overdue items, library patrons will be offered a fresh start and be relieved of any financial obstacles that may prevent them from making continued use of Library resources. A ‘Fines Free Week’ will give Los Angelinos a chance to start anew and will surely encourage them to spend more time reading and spend less time worrying about late fees!”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, and by common consent, there being no objection (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Declared August 11 through 17, 2008 as a “Fine Free Week” at Los Angeles County Public Libraries, and waived fines for any overdue books and materials that are returned;
2. Reduced by 50% any previous existing fine balance on a library user’s account if paid in full during the week of August 11 through 17, 2008;
3. Directed the County Librarian to develop and implement a “Fine Free Week” information campaign at all County Libraries and on the Public Library website to ensure library users are aware of the fine waiver opportunities; and

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4. Report the results of the Public Library's "Fine Free Week" to the Board by October 1, 2008.

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